2. The Employment Assurance Schemes (EAS) will provide assured employment to the rural poor in 1752 identified Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) Blocks in the country of which 223 Blocks are in 23 Districts of Madhya Pradesh as per list given in Annexure are covered under this [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 6]. In this scheme those who are in need and seeking employment in rural areas will get assured wage employment for 100 days during the lean agricultural season. Expenditure under the Programme will be shared by the Centre and the States in the ratio of 80:20. The Ministry of Rural Developuent has already released Rs. 5 lakh per block under the scheme during the current financial year.

Report of the Committee of National Development Council

371. SHRI VIREN J SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of National Development Council (NDC) on austerity ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations which have been accepted by Government; and

(c) what action have so far been taken on each of them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) After consideration of the recommendations, it was decided to take necessary follow-up measures required for decision, awaiting consideration by the N.D.C.

The measures related to the recommendation of the Committee to contain non-plan expenditure and mobilise additional resources, in order to protect the financing of Eighth Five Year Plan 1992—97 outlay. The report of the Committee was discussed by the NDC in its meeting held on April 5, 1993. The NDC directed in this meeting that (1) Planning Commission could hold wider consultations on the recommendations with political parties and Trade Unions; and (2) set-up a Committee on Power.

Action on these has been completed. The conclusions of the discussions by the Planning Commission with political parties and Trade Unions were submitted to the NDC in its meeting held on September 18, 1993. The Report of the Committee on Power is awaited.

Pending final view on the recommendations, Central Government have been emphasising the need for mobilising resources and containing. non-plan expenditure, particularly in the Annual Plan discussions with the Central Ministries and the States.

Unemployment Problem in the Country

372. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have initiated any action to solve the unemployment problem in the country in general and in Gujarat and Maharashtra in particular;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes formulated and launched by Government to provide employment in the current year state-wise; and

(c) what funds are being allocated for these programmes during the Eighth Five Year Plan, state-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97). Accordingly, a growth strategy for accelerated employment generation through faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas with relatively high employment potential is envisaged. Employment in Gujarat and in Maharashtra or in any State depends on

the pace and pattern of development in the State for which the State Government is mainly responsible. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments, including Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra, in creation of employment opportunities through Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Special Employment Programmes. The important among these are the on-going Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and the Central Sector Special Employment Scheme for Self Employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY). A new scheme "Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)" covering 1752 blocks of which 97 blocks are in Gujarat and 114 blocks are in Maharashtra has been launched recently. The "Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana" also launched recently all over the country seeks to promote self employment among the educated youth.

Statewise allocation of Central funds for these special programmes are made only in the Annual Plans.

Provision for Generation of Employment during Eighth Five Year Plan for Gujarat & Maharashtra

373. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the employment growth rate of Gujarat and Maharashtra during each Five Year Plan and projection for the Eighth Five Year Plan ;

(b) what are the details of employment generated both in public as well as private sectors in both the states during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans ;

(c) whether any strategy have been adopted by Government during Eighth Five Year Plan for growth of Employment in Public as well as Private sectors for both the states ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Plan-wise, state-wise employment growth rates are not available. However, average annual growth rates of total employment in Gujarat and Maharashtra in successive decade estimated on the basis of Census data are given below :

	Gujarat	Maharashtra
1951—61 . .	2.57	2.73
1961—71 . .	2.22	2.01
1971—81 . .	1.86	1.45
1981—91 . .	2.73	2.41

Employment in Gujarat is projected to grow at 2.6% per annum during the Eighth Plan as reported in the Annual Plan 1993-94 document of Government of Gujarat. No such projection is available in the Plan Documents of the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) The net increase in employment in public and private sectors between 1981 and 1991 in the two States is given below :

(Lakhs)

Sector	Gujarat	Maharashtra
Public . .	2.22	3.51
Private . .	36.97	68.41

(c) to (e) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97). Accordingly, a growth strategy for accelerated employment generation through faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas having relatively high employment potential is envisaged. Within this overall strategy, each State adopts a strategy appropriate to its requirements. Besides employment generated in the normal growth process, (i) Centrally sponsored special